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For: TISSUE RETRACTOR AND GUIDE DEVICE

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Dear Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.